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SUBJECT: ZEEBRUGGE WILL STOP HANDLING ALL EXPLOSIVES
SHIPMENTS IN 1980

1. BELGIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, CLAES, DISCUSSED
LIQUID NATURAL GAS (LNG) TANKER DISCHARGE FACILITY
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UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ZEEBRUGGE ON TV JUNE 28. CLAES SAID
THAT WHEN LNG TERMINAL IS FINISHED IN 1980, ALL MUNITIONS
SHIPMENTS THROUGH ZEEBRUGGE WILL BE STOPPED FOR SAFETY
REASONS. IN FOLLOWUP DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, WE WERE INFORMED THAT BAN WOULD APPLY
TO ALL EXPLOSIVES, NOT ONLY MILITARY. ZEEBRUGGE IS
PRESENTLY USED BY BELGIAN COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURERS FOR

SHIPMENTS OF BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY EXPLOSIVES. CLAES HAS SAID THAT THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WILL FIND AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS TO HANDLE EXPLOSIVES SHIPMENTS.

2. WHILE 1980 DATE FOR LNG FACILITY GOING INTO OPERATION WHICH WILL TRIGGER TOTAL MUNITIONS SHIPMENT BAN, MAY SLIP ADDRESSEES RESPONSIBLE FOR U.S. MUNITIONS SHIPMENTS SHOULD TAKE FORTHCOMING TOTAL BAN INTO ACCOUNT.

3. WE WILL CAREFULLY FOLLOW BELGIAN SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVE EXPLOSIVES SHIPMENT FACILITY. RENNER

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